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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the written description and the claims.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/935,275, filed August 22, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in the present application.

The written description is amended by replacement of original paragraphs with rewritten paragraphs as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 15 with the following paragraph:

Further, if a signal is outputted from the terminal B1 of the second output jack 120 and no signal is outputted from the terminal ~~82-B2~~ thereof, then none of the tones are produced and silence is maintained. If signals are outputted from both the terminals B1 and B2, an edge tone is produced. Further, if no signal is outputted from the terminal B1 and a signal is outputted from the terminal B2, i.e., the edge upper portion sheet sensor 7 is turned on, then a silencing operation is performed. At this moment, a combination of the output of the piezoelectric sensor 5 and that of the edge upper portion sensor 7 can instantly detect a silencing operation (edge choking) without using the edge lower portion sheet sensor 6. It is noted, however, that the electronic pad 1 requires, as a whole, the edge lower portion sheet sensor 6 which detects the choke of the edge portion but does not detect a strike, so as to instantly detect a silencing operation (the choke of the edge portion).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 9 with the following paragraph:

Moreover, by partially cutting ~~off~~ the outer peripheral edge portion 43a of the frame 43, the shape of the frame 43 is not rotationally symmetrical and the rigidity of the frame 43 is off balance. By contrast, since the shape of the cover 2 is partially different as already stated above, the weight balance of the electronic pad 41 about the penetrating hole 4d is maintained but the rigidity of the frame 43 is slightly off balance. Thus, acoustic

resonance can be suppressed and the electronic pad 41 in the second embodiment can further suppress unnecessary vibration generated on the frame 43.